IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

LATISHIA TALBERT, :

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Plaintiff,

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v. : CASE NO. 2:20-cv-1910

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PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC,

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Defendant.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on this date, Defendant Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC hereby removes the above-captioned matter to this Court from the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and in support thereof avers as follows:

- 1. Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC. is a defendant in a civil action originally filed on October 7, 2020 in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania titled *Latishia Talbert v. Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC* and docketed to Case No. GD-20-008972.
- 2. The removal is timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b). PRA received service of Plaintiff's Complaint by regular mail on November 10, 2020.
- 3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446, attached here as Exhibits A and B are copies of all process, pleadings, and orders filed in the state court action.

- 4. The District Court¹ has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, in that Plaintiff has filed claims against PRA alleging violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq*.
- 5. On this date, PRA has provided notice of this Removal to counsel for Plaintiff and to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC respectfully removes this case to the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Plaintiff commenced this claim in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania notwithstanding the fact that her alleged causes of action arose in Delaware County, Pennsylvania which lies within jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. PRA has filed Preliminary Objections as to venue. *See* Exhibit B.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on December 9, 2020, a true copy of the foregoing document was served as

follows:

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